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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

DURING my temporary absence from this port, the Company's SHROFF is NOT AUTHORISED to COLLECT any ACCOUNTS.

W. STUART HARRISON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1892. [2619

MARIA CRISTINA CIGAR DEPOT, No. 8, D'AGUILAR STREET.

RECEIVED from MANILA from their Manufactory some specially made CIGARS for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. The Cigars from this Manufactory have obtained Prizes at all Exhibitions for excellence of Leaf and Workmanship.

An inspection is respectfully solicited.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1892. [2620

WONDERFUL PANORAMA.

THE PANORAMA, which consists of VIVID ILLUMINATED SKETCHES of the GREATEST WARS of the WORLD and the SCENES of the late terrible EARTHQUAKE in JAPAN, &c., &c.,

will be opened from the 17th instant, at 11 A.M. to 11 P.M. DAILY,

IN THE GROUND FLOOR of No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, at the entrance of DUDDELL STREET.

PRICES OF ADMISSION,
Adults .....30 Cents.
Children (under 10 years of age)...10 "
Soldiers and Sailors (in uniform)...20 "

A. NAFTALY,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1892. [2621

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"

Captain Dodd, will be despatched TO-DAY, the 15th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [2585

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA PORTS OF CALL.

THE Company's Steamship

"NINGCHOW,"

H. L. Allen, Commander, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1892 2618

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"NANYANG,"

Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1892. [2617

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"WINGSANG,"

Captain D'A de Ste. Croix, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 17th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1892. [2616

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

STEAM FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.
(Taking Passengers and Cargo for TOURANE and QUINHON).

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIPHONG,"

Captain Galletti, will leave for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 20th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1892. [2

STEAM TO SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"VERONA,"

Captain F. H. Seymour, will have quick despatch for the above ports after her arrival with the English mail.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
H. H. JOSEPH,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1892. [1

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

R. Janes, Commander, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 22nd inst., at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins are situated forward of the Engines. Second-class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1892. [2503

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"WINGSANG"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 15th instant at 5 P.M. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1892. [2615

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ISMALIA, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, HAMBURG, NEW YORK, AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "FORMOSA," Captain C. E. Baker, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON via MARSEILLES, on THURSDAY, the 22nd DECEMBER, at NOON.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 P.M. on the day before sailing.

Cargo for Bombay will be transhipped at Colombo into a local steamer proceeding thence to the former port.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for Marseilles.

H. H. JOSEPH,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1892. [1

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, AND BORDEAUX.
ALSO,
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 28th December, 1892, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "SALAZIE," Commandant Paul, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 27th December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1892. [2

AMUSEMENT.

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.

AT WEST POINT, 9 P.M.

NEW REVELATIONS.

Keep your eyes open, for we shall startle your Equilibrium with a sensation.

HARMSTON & SONS' GRAND CIRCUS, HIPPODROME, AND MENAGERIE.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!!
OUR NEW PROGRAMME.

THE FAMOUS FEELEYS
IN NEW ACTS.

LITTLE AMELIA AND JOHNNY.
The Child Wonders—Graceful and Pretty.

THE GRAND VAULTING,
during which Dan Feeley and Gilbarto, the accomplished Acrobats, will perform
DOUBLE SOMERSAULTS.

THE AMERICAN DONKEY.
Ten Dollars will be given to any Person who can ride him three times around the Ring.

40 GREAT ARTISTS
appear nightly.

THE GREATEST COMPANY
ever seen in Hongkong.

GRAND MATINEE PERFORMANCES, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY Afternoons.

AT MATINEES.
Doors Open at 2.30; Performance at 3 sharp.

Children Half-price to all parts of the Circus.

Box Plan on view at KELLY & WALSH'S, where Seats can be booked.

ROBERT LOVE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1892. [2593

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S SCOTCH AND IRISH WHISKIES.

	per case 1 doz. bottles.
CUTLER PALMER & CO.'S "CARLTON" LIQUEUR WHISKY	$15.50
NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S "OLD HIGHLAND," Square Bottles	$11.00
TEACHER'S "HIGHLAND CREAM," Old Scotch	$ 8.50
HENRY THOMSON & CO.'S OLD IRISH, Square Bottles	$ 9.00
JOHN JAMESON & SON'S DUBLIN WHISKY ***	$11.00
JOHN JAMESON & SON'S DUBLIN WHISKY *	$ 8.50
DUNVILLE'S OLD IRISH	$ 7.00

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1892. [2614

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1892. [2578

INTIMATIONS.

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FUNDS.....£25,915,080
New Business for 1891 exceeds £30,000,000
Heavy Reduction in Rates.
New Plan Life Policies on European Lives in China

BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co., } Agents in
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., } Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1892. [a1602

INTIMATIONS

R. J. REMEDIOS,
FOREIGN & COLONIAL STAMP DEALER,
7, CHANCERY LANE, HONGKONG.

Will be glad to send STAMPS on approval to any address on receipt of satisfactory references.

Is also prepared to purchase used POSTAGE STAMPS in Large or Small Quantities for Cash.

AGENTS WANTED.
Liberal Discount Allowed. [2509

CHRISTMAS 1892!!

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR
NEW CHRISTMAS STOCK
and are now showing a splendid Collection of Articles suitable for
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

LEATHER GOODS,
ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,
TABLE FLOWER SETS,
LAMPS and LAMP SHADES,
FITTED DRESSING BAGS,
JEWEL CASES,
BOOKS,
Decorative CHINA and GLASSWARE,
and a Good Assortment of NOVELTIES—all at Moderate Prices.

CHILDREN'S TOYS.

TOY BOOKS, FRENCH DOLLS, RUBBER and WOOL TOYS, MAGIC LANTERNS
AMERICAN TOYS, ENGLISH TOYS,
GERMAN TOYS, FRENCH TOYS.

THE LATEST COSAQUES.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS, FLAGS, and BANNERS.

CONFECTIONERY.

NEW SEASON'S PUDDING and DESSERT FRUITS, NUTS, FIGS, MUSCATELS, ELVAS PLUMS, CHRISTMAS CAKES and BISCUITS.

CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

An assortment of PROVISIONS suitable for the Season. Special YORK HAMS, STILTON and GORGONZOLA CHEESE.

WINES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1892. [a24

WINTER SEASON.

HONGKONG TRADING CO.
FOR
GENTLEMEN'S WARM UNDERCLOTHING.

HONGKONG TRADING CO.
FOR
BLANKETS, RUGS, LINED GLOVES,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 1 to 7, D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1892 [1872

TRADE MARK. ESTD. 1864.

CHAMPAGNES—all the Best Brands.
SHERRIES—Pale, Gold and Brown.
PORTS—Offley Forrester, Sandeman & Croft.
CLARETS—a large variety from $3 to $65 per doz.
BURGUNDIES, HOCKS, MOSELLES, and WHITE WINES.
BRANDIES, SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES.
AMERICAN and CANADIAN WHISKIES.
GINS, RUM, LIQUEURS, BITTERS.
ALES and STOUTS.
MINERAL WATERS.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,
Wine and Spirit Merchants,
13, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1892. [a25

DENTISTRY.

MR. CHADWICK T. KEW having left Dr. NOBLE'S Service is prepared to insert Artificial Dentures, repair Broken Plates, add extra Teeth to Old Plates, and to execute every thing connected with Mechanical Dentistry, at rates within the reach of every one.

Address
No. 2, PEDDER'S STREET,
Opposite the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's Office.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [2592

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Xmas Nos. of Illustrated London News—Graphic—Sporting and Dramatic—Black and White—Pears' Annual—Tom Hood's Comic Annual—Yule Tide—Ladies' Pictorial.

Sladen's The Japs at Home.
How to Dance.
The American Claimant, by Mark Twain.
Kemp's Electrical Engineer's Pocket Book.
All the New Juvenile Books of the Season.
Whymper's Travels amongst the Great Andes of the Equator.
Extraordinary Men and Women.
Hypnotism, by Dr. Foveau de Courmelles.
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The Funniest Song Book in the World.
New Season's Menus and Ball Programmes.
Wedding Cake Boxes.
Boxing Gloves.
Scrap Albums to take Hongkong Views.

Imperial English and Chinese Date Block.
Imperial English and Chinese Diary.
Letts' and Smiths' Diaries.

GILES' CHINESE-ENGLISH DICTIONARY complete in 3 Parts. Price $35.

KELLY & WALSH, LD., HONGKONG. [18

W. BREWER.

New Books, New Editions.
Veterinary Physiology, by F. Smith.
The Unseen Universe, by Stewart and Tait.
Ancient History of the Earth, by Nicholson.
The Cyclopædia of Card and Table Games.
Card Sharping Exposed.
Stage Conjuring.
Half Round the World with General Booth.
Advanced Building Construction.
Strey Studies from England and Italy, by J. E. Green.
The Practical Polish and Varnish Maker, by H. C. Standage.
The Breechloader and how to use it.
A Handy Book for Brewers, by H. E. Wright.
Quarterly Review.
Edinburgh Review.
New Children's Books.
All the Children's Annuals.
New Novels in large variety.

WALTER W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1892. [19

XMAS! XMAS!! XMAS!!!

J. ULLMANN & CO.
HAVE JUST RECEIVED
A large and Magnificent assortment of DIAMONDS and DIAMOND JEWELLERY, LATEST NOVELTIES.

An immense variety of Ladies' and Gentlemen's GOLD, SILVER, and METAL WATCHES, GOLD and SILVER CHAINS, PENCIL CASES, and LOCKETS.

MARINE, FIELD, and OPERA GLASSES, in great variety.

BAROMETERS and THERMOMETERS, SPECTACLES and EYE GLASSES of every description.

MEERSHAUM and BRIAR ROOT PIPES CIGAR and CIGARETTE HOLDERS.

ALBUMS, FANCY GOODS suitable for XMAS and NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
ALSO
TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!
the largest and most splendid collection ever seen in this Colony.

BEST FRENCH CONFECTIONERY and CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.

J. ULLMANN & Co.,
74, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1892. [2532

JUST OPENED.

TOYS! TOYS!! TOYS!!!

FROM PARIS.

Great variety to select from.

Inspection respectfully invited.

E. RICCO & CIE.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1892. [2766

MRS. GIDLEY
HAS
BOARD and LODGING for Gentlemen.
TERMS VERY MODERATE.
No. 43, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1892. [2425 28

INTIMATIONS

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO.,
LIMITED.
CHEMISTS, &c
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

We have now received our Stock of XMAS CONFECTIONERY, consisting of Cadbury's first quality CHOCOLATES:—
CHOCOLATE CREMES.
CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.
PRALINES.
SUGARED VALENCIA ALMONDS
BURNT ALMONDS.
NOUGAT.
JUJUBES.
PASTILLES.
FRENCH MIXTURES,
&c., &c., &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.. [a21

WING TUNG CHEONG,
FURNITURE and CURIO DEALERS,
No. 45, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
(opposite to Messrs. G. Falconer & Co.)

CHEAP CLEARANCE SALE OF FURNITURE, CURIOS, CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARES, BEDSTEADS, WIRE MATTRESSES, TAPESTRY SUITES, CARPETS, DOOR MATS, TABLE COVERS, LAMPS, STOVES,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. [2603

JUST LANDED.

A LARGE AND SPLENDID COLLECTION OF

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS.

BEST FRENCH CONFECTIONERY AND CRYSTALLISED FRUITS in bags suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Inspection is respectfully solicited.

G. GIRAULT,
8, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1892. [2542

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, SINGAPORE.

NOTICE is hereby given, That an INTERIM DIVIDEND at the rate of 5 per cent. per Annum has, this day, been Declared by the Board of Directors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from 21st DECEMBER, 1892, to 3rd JANUARY, 1893.

By Order of the Directors,
WM. MACBEAN,
Agent,
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1892. [2577

CUTLER, PALMER & CO.,

Shippers to CHINA for over half a Century. Established in EUROPE in 1815.

This ancient House consign to us the well-known

4 STARS COGNAC,
superb quality.
Price $16.50 per 1 dozen quarts.

The 3 STARS COGNAC,
about 3 years younger,
Price $15.25 per 1 dozen quarts.

The 2 STARS COGNAC,
equal to Hennessy's.
Price $12.25 per 1 dozen quarts.

"PALL MALL" WHISKY,
very old and high class. Each bottle bears an analyst's certificate. The Whisky is simply grand.
Price $14.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

HEART BOTTLE SCOTCH WHISKY,
moderate in price, excellent in quality, a great favourite,
Price $10.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

INVALIDS' PORT,
Analysed and Certificated by Professor Cassall.
Price $14.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

SHERRIES,
AMOROSO,
Price $14.75 per 1 dozen quarts.
LA TORRE,
Price $12.00 per 1 dozen quarts.
Pure and natural wine, a tonic.
WHITE SEAL SHERRY—Popular at the Club,
dry, clear, and of good flavour.
Price $14.75 per 1 dozen quarts.

CLARETS
in Qts. and Pts.
MOUTON,
Price $20.25 per 1 dozen quarts.
LAROSE,
Price $11.75 per 1 dozen quarts.
MARGAUX-MEDOC,
Price $6.50 per 1 dozen quarts.

LIQUEUR,
BENEDICTINE, D.O.M.,
Price $27.50 per 1 dozen quarts.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.

Agents—SIEMSSEN & Co.,
HONGKONG.

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CUTLER, PALMER & Co.
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
Established London and Bordeaux in 1815
Shippers over half a century.
Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong.

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to supply the NEW SEASON'S PRESERVED GINGER, SWEETMEATS, SOY, etc. The conditions as usual. Price moderate.

All orders will be promptly attended to with best care.

Apply to
MAN LOONG,
Town Office, No. 35, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1892. [a1976

W. POWELL & CO.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!!
NEW GOODS!!!

GREAT PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE
CHRISTMAS TRADE.

IMMENSE VARIETY! IMMENSE VARIETY!!

W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [a22

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE FIFTH HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS will be held in the NEW ROOMS, No. 16, Praya Central, TO-DAY, the 15th inst., at 9 P.M.

The Chair will be taken by Captain A. TILLETT, the President.

By Order of the Committee,
CHESNEY DUNCAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. [2605

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending November 30th, 1892.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 21st instant to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1892. [2565

JUST OPENED.
ANOTHER PARCEL OF
MESSRS. RAPHAEL TUCK AND SON'S
XMAS, NEW YEAR, AND BIRTHDAY CARDS
in various designs and great variety.
INSPECTION IS KINDLY SOLICITED.
H. RUITONJEE,
No. 13, D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1892. [2613

VICTORIA REGATTA.

THE OWNERS having kindly lent the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB the S.S. "OORYIA" as FLAGSHIP, the COMMITTEE request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies on board on the 15th and 16th instant, the occasion of the ANNUAL REGATTA.

Through the courtesy of Mr. GILLIES the *Pilot Fish* will leave Pedder's Wharf for the Flagship on each day at 1.15 P.M. and 1.45 P.M.

Admission to the Flagship Free. Refreshments obtainable on board. A Portion of the Flagship will be reserved for Subscribers.

E. D. SANDERS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1892. [2606

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at NOON, TO-DAY (THURSDAY) and TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 15th and 16th inst.:—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.;
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
N. J. EDE,
Secretary,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.
SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents,
YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LTD.
JAMES B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
WM. MACBEAN,
Agent,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LTD.
THE STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. [2609

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at Noon, TO-DAY (THURSDAY) and TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 15th and 16th inst.

FOR THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
FOR THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.
FOR THE COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS,
L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent.
FOR THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
S. L. DARBY,
P. Manager.
FOR THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. [2599

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

(TO BE IN FORCE FROM 1ST DECEMBER 1892).

WEEK DAYS.
7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. .....Every quarter of an hour.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. .....Every half hour.
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. .....Every quarter of an hour
3.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. .....Every quarter of an hour.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SATURDAYS.
Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SUNDAYS.
10.30 a.m. and 10.40 a.m.
Noon to 2 p.m. .....Every quarter of an hour.
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. .....Every quarter of an hour.
Night cars from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., every half hour.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1892. [2071 2590]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 14, TAISANG, British str., 1,505, H. Bogg, Canton 14th Dec., General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Dec. 14, ASAGAO, Japanese str., 1,521, H. Selck, Nagasaki 9th Dec., General.—OLSEN.
Dec. 14, HANGCHOW, British str., 999, Charles Derby, Wuhu 10th Dec., Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
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CLEARANCES.
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14TH DECEMBER.
Soi, British str., for Bangkok.
Smeralda, British str., for Amoy.
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Siloong, British str., for Swatow.
Mathilde, German str., for Tourane.
Hanshan, British str., for Swatow.
Chusan, German str., for Hoihow.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 14, NATAL, French str., for Europe.
Dec. 14, BENALDER, British str., for Kobe.
Dec. 14, CHUSAN, German str., for Hoihow.
Dec. 14, ESMERALDA, British str., for Manila.
Dec. 14, OCAMPO, British str., for Melbourne.
Dec. 14, VICTORIA, Nor. str., for Bangkok.
Dec. 14, CITO, German str., for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per *Natal*, str., from Hongkong for Saigon—H.E. Mr. de Lanessan (Governor-General of Cochin-China), Mrs. de Lanessan, Mr. and Mrs. Joyeux, Mrs. Beaumont, Messrs. Bonhoure, G. de Lanessan, Lagarde, and Ammann. For Singapore.—Mr. and Mrs. Muir Drew, Mrs. G. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Kokata, Mrs. L. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. S. Vais and 7 children, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Green, and Mr. E. Kann. For Colombo.—Lord Cecil Manners, Mr. and Mrs. Hurlburt, Messrs. J. Sampson and A. C. Fuller. For Calcutta.—Mrs J. M. Jones. From Shanghai for Saigon—Messrs. Plenkinison, Graves, M. A. de Guerville, Chandler, Green, Corre, and J. M. Minier. For Singapore—Mr. Lanray. For Colombo—Miss Furness. For Marseilles—Messrs. C. Davies and Nicol. From Yokohama for Saigon—Messrs. Buelle, Germain, H. Veaux, and Monge, and Miss Tatsu. For Singapore—Messrs. Galstaun and Meikle. For Marseilles—Mr. and Mrs MacNab, 3 daughters and 2 son, Messrs. Thompson, K. Eichiro, and W. Henning. From Kobe for Saigon—Miss Kawain Ko, and Mr. Shimano. For Singapore—Mr. S. Yoshiso. For Marseilles—Mr. Gneugneau.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 15TH, 1892.

THE speech made by the Colonial Secretary in moving the adjournment of the Legislative Council yesterday will be read with astonishment and regret. It was made without any sufficient occasion or justification and appears to have been inspired by simple querulousness and malignancy. The subject was the rejected proposal for the reduction of official salaries. On that question the hon. member had already had practically the last word and had said it with conspicuous ability. It is true that at the last meeting the Hon. C. P. CHATER spoke after the Colonial Secretary, but there was nothing in the senior unofficial member's remarks that called for reply, or if there was the reply should have been made at the time. The Council was in Committee at the time and there was therefore no obstacle to the Colonial Secretary's making as many speeches as he thought fit. If the hon. gentleman did not consider it necessary to reply to Mr. CHATER then, it was certainly unseemly and unfair to attempt to take the unofficial members by surprise and make the ferocious attack upon them he did yesterday in moving the adjournment of the Council. Perhaps the course taken by Mr. CHATER and Mr. WHITEHEAD in leaving the Council Chamber while the Colonial Secretary was speaking was under the circumstances the most dignified protest they could have made, but it is much to be regretted that on the unofficial side there is no one capable of coping with Mr. O'BRIEN in debate and giving him a Rowland for an Oliver.

If the Government thought it necessary to reopen the question of the financial position of the Colony in its bearing on the proposal to reduce salaries, notice ought in common fairness to have been given in order that the unofficial members might have had an equal chance with the Colonial Secretary to prepare themselves for its discussion. But instead of that, after the business of the day had been finished, Mr. O'BRIEN suddenly attacks them and asks them to make a formal recantation. It would be absurd to try and pin a man down to the textual accuracy of every statement made in the heat of political argument and especially absurd when there are no admitted facts or figures by which the accuracy or inaccuracy of the statement can be satisfactorily tested. The question whether Hongkong is commercially progressing or retrograding is one on which an opinion can be formed only by judgment and inference. We agree with the Colonial Secretary in thinking the unofficial members have taken an unnecessarily pessimistic view of the position of the Colony, but they are perfectly entitled to hold the opinions they have expressed and we fail to see any actual misstatement made by them which they are in honour bound to correct. No figures showing the real volume of the Colony's trade are to be had, but from the data available the unofficial members and the Colonial Secretary have arrived at opposite conclusions, the one side maintaining that the Colony is going backward, the other that it is going forward. As is not uncommon in such cases, the truth probably lies midway between the two. Such at least is our own impression.

For a series of years trade had been progressing by leaps and bounds and a wild spirit of speculation added a fictitious prosperity to that which was real. Then came a stoppage, and the collapse of speculation and the loss of large sums of money in joint stock enterprise created a scare and gave the impression that things were worse than they really were. If reliable figures of the trade of the port were available, it would be found, we believe, that for the past three years it has been practically standing still, not going backward, but on the other hand making little if any progress. The point is an interesting one to discuss but is not one to quarrel about, and after yesterday's exhibition in the Legislative Council we hope the question so far as that body is concerned may be allowed to drop. It would be puerile for the unofficial members to think of resigning. Having elected to lodge a respectful protest respecting the votes for salaries it would not be open to them to say they resigned on that question, because had it been their intention to do so they would naturally have tendered their resignation at the time they lodged their protest. There remains then only the question of manners, and for the unofficial member to resign because they conceive they have been insulted by the Colonial Secretary would be as paltry as was the Colonial Secretary's attack upon them.

IN another column will be found a letter from Sir GEORGE BOWEN to the Governor urging the importance of Hongkong's being adequately represented in the display of specimens of colonial produce at the Imperial Institute. When the Colonial and Indian Exhibition was in course of preparation frivolous scoffers made merry at the idea of Hongkong's being represented, but the Hongkong Court nevertheless turned out a great success and the Colony has no doubt reaped benefit from it in various ways. Perhaps similar merriment will be indulged in on the present occasion, but it seems to us that when a great commercial museum for the empire is being established Hongkong ought not to be content to take a back seat or be left out in the cold altogether. It is true we have no really colonial products to show, or none to speak of, for the Colony produces practically nothing, but as in the case of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition we may appropriately send specimens of the various articles which go to make up the large trade of the place. The general rule that exhibitions tend to promote trade is no doubt as applicable to Hongkong as to any other place, and for political reasons also it may be considered advisable that the Colony should not allow it to be supposed that it is too small and insignificant to put in an appearance when a great Imperial movement is in progress. We are aware there are some who hold that it is prudent policy to keep in the background lest we should again be asked for an increased military contribution or something of that kind, but on the other hand unless we keep ourselves *en evidence* not only are we likely to lose tradal advantages, but small attention is also likely to be paid to the Colony's protests against the treatment it receives from the Imperial Authorities. The Crown Colonies have always great difficulty in securing any attention for their grievances, but the more they make themselves known the more likely are they to enlist the sympathy of the home public in local movements.

The steamer *Arratoon Apcar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst.

The P. M. steamer *Peru*, which sailed hence November 19th, and from Yokohama November 29th, arrived at San Francisco on the 13th instant.

The R.M.S. *Empress of China*, Captain Archibald, left Vancouver on Tuesday morning, the 13th instant, for Hongkong via Yokohama, Kobe, and Shanghai.

The P. & O. steamer *Verona* left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst. at 5 p.m. with the outward English mails, and is expected here about 5 p.m. on the 19th inst.

The German steamer *Asia*, Kobbe, master, was towed into Singapore on the 5th inst. by the tug *Mercury*. The *Asia* was on a voyage from Bangkok to Port Said with rice, and broke her crankshaft near Muar.

A large number of friends went off to the M. M. steamer *Natal* yesterday morning to wish *bon voyage* to Mr. J. A. Sampson, who left for England *en route* to Cape Colony. The health of the famous Hongkong carsman was drunk and the usual felicitations indulged in.

At the Magistracy yesterday fifteen men were fined $1 each for playing at a common gambling house, No. 30, Chinese Street, and the two keepers of the establishment were fined $25 each. A gharry driver for furiously carse ing his vehicle through the street to the detriment of the foot of a rickshaw coolie was fined $5 and ordered to pay $5 compensation to the injured man.

A twelve-month ago, says the *Singapore Free Press*, we chronicled the rescue of a dozen Chinamen from a wrecked junk by Capt. Blackburne of the *Nanshan*. The men were kindly treated and brought down to the Chinese Consul at Singapore, who communicated with his Government, the result being that an embroidered tablet has been prepared for presentation to Capt. Blackburne. The four Chinese characters mean, "Seeing what is right you dare do it," and have a peculiar significance in connection with the usual practice of Chinese and drowning men.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. have issued their calendar for next year "with kindlie greetynges and good wishes." These purveyors of good things generally hit on some new form for the conveyance of the season's compliments to their customers and this year is no exception to the rule. Their calendar for 1893 is known as the "Watteau Minuet Screen" and consists of four panels, filled up on the one side with figures of four prettily dressed little girls dancing a minuet and on the other with the calendar and poetical extracts for the different seasons. The "Watteau Screen" will form a pleasant addition to the furniture of a lady's writing table.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Dardanus* left Singapore yesterday morning and may be expected here on or about the 21st inst.

A panorama is to be opened on Saturday at No. 2, Queen's Road Central, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns.

The Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements has had to vote a sum of $36,377 as an addition to the vote for the military contribution for 1892 owing to the fall in exchange rendering the amount originally voted ($631,579) insufficient by the sum named to meet the payment for the fourth quarter. The vote was carried by the official majority, the unofficials voting against it.

Mr. Charles Edward Miller arrived at Singapore on the 5th inst. from Samarang by the *Godavery*. He was arrested at Sourabaya on board the *Hecuba*, on his arrival from Singapore, under telegraphic instructions from the American Consul at Singapore. When he was brought before the court there and whilst the case was being inquired into, he was, the *Free Press* says, ordered by telegram from Batavia to be released.

At Singapore on the 3rd inst., on the invitation of H. H. the Sultan of Johore, a large and select company attended the formal opening of "Tyersall," a splendid new residence which has just been completed for His Highness at Tanglin. H. E. the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady Clement Smith and the two Misses Smith, were present, and there were also present nearly all the official and unofficial members of the Legislative Council, the various consuls, and other functionaries.

At a meeting of the Mary Magdalene Chapter of the Rose Croix held on Tuesday evening Mr. J. McLeavy Brown was installed as M. W. S. and invested the officers as follows:—High Prelate, R. Cooke; First Gener l, R. Markwick, jun.; Second General, A. Shelton Hooper; Treasurer, F. R. Simmonds; Recorder, F. A. Haseland, P.M.W.S.; Grand Marshall, G. C Anderson; Raphael, J. Kirkwood; Captain of the Guard, C. E. Reynolds; D.C., C. H. Palmer; Herald, F. L. Lloyd.

On the 2nd inst no less than seventeen deaths of Chinese were registered at the police stations at Singapore. The simultaneous nature of the cause of death, says the *Straits Times*, created some alarm, and led the police to institute enquiries from the relatives and friends of the deceased. The result of this enquiry, so far as it has proceeded, goes to show that nearly all the deceased had partaken of some Chinese foodstuff which was being vended by two Chinese in the vicinity of Havelock Road on the night previous. It would appear that, on Thursday night (1st inst.), there were several open air wayangs or Chinese theatres showing along Havelock Road, which, as usual, attracted a very large number of the Celestial element of the community with a host of itinerant vendors of fruit and food-stuffs. Amongst these latter were two Chinamen who attracted more than ordinary attention, owing to the fact of their disposing of their wares much below the regulation prices. One of these men was selling oysters and the other vermicelli. The following day, the number of deaths which were reported to the police and the similarity of the complaint, viz, "sackit prut," led the police, after enquiry, to connect these deaths with those persons who had partaken of the cheap food-stuff sold by the two Chinese mentioned. In the majority of cases the bodies had been interred but, in three of the most recent cases, the bodies have been sent to the morgue for post mortem examination and to admit of the contents of the stomachs being analysed. Should the result of the examination justify the suspicions of the police, the other bodies will be exhumed and examined likewise. It is almost suspicious circumstance, in connection with the matter, that the two vendors, who are said to be known to the police, cannot be found, and it is said that they have decamped. One man, who is alleged to be in some way or other connected with the two men already mentioned, was arrested by Detective-Inspector Paterson.—The *Free Press* states the number of deaths as three only, the others being referred to simply as "complaining of inward agonies."

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 13th December.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE SHERMAN SILVER PURCHASE BILL.

In the U. S. Senate Mr. Stewart introduced a motion to amend the Sherman Act by the establishment of free silver coinage and the issue of Treasury bonds based on silver deposits.

[FROM "STRAITS TIMES."]

LONDON, 1st December.

THE INDIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEFSHIP.

Major-General Sir George S. White, K.C.B., V.C., has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of India.

UGANDA.

The British Government are despatching a special Commissary with an escort to Uganda to report upon the present position of the country.

LONDON, 2nd December.

THE SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The news of the winding up of the Singapore Insurance Company has met with thorough approval in London.

LONDON, 3rd December.

A REPORTED ROYAL BETROTHAL.

The report of the approaching betrothal of H.R.H. the Duke of York with Princess May of Teck is again revived and remains undenied.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon. There were present:—

His Excellency the Governor, Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.
Hon. G. T. E. O'BRIEN, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.
Hon. A. J. LEACH, Acting Attorney-General.
Hon. J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART, Registrar-General.
Hon. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES, Colonial Treasurer.
Hon. F. A. COOPER, Director of Public Works.
Hon. R. M. RUMSEY, R.N., Harbour Master.
Hon. C. P. CHATER.
Hon. HO KAI.
Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD.
Hon. E. R. BELLIOS.
Mr. F. H. May, Acting Clerk of Councils.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1893:
PROTEST FROM THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—I have the honour to bring up the report of the Finance Committee No. 12 of 1892 and lay it on the table.

Hon. C. P. CHATER—Before we proceed with the business of the day I beg to lay on the table in accordance with notice given at the last meeting of the Council by the hon. member who represents the Chamber of Commerce, a protest with regard to the Appropriation Bill for 1893 from the unofficial members.

HIS EXCELLENCY—You move that the protest lay on the table?

Hon. C. P. CHATER—Yes.

The Clerk then read the following protest, which was laid upon the table:—

We, the undersigned, unofficial members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, both nominated and elected, desire to place on record our unanimous protest against the Appropriation Ordinance for 1893, entitled "An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to apply a sum not exceeding two millions two hundred and fifty-six thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars to the Public Service of the year 1893," numbered 2 of 1892 and published in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* of the 3rd instant as having been passed by this Honourable Council on the 29th day of November, 1892, and as having been assented to by His Excellency the Governor, in the name and on behalf of the Queen, on the 3rd day of December instant.

We protest against the inclusion in that Ordinance, contrary to the unanimous votes and opinions of all the unofficial members of the Council in the Finance Committee and in the Committee of the Council, of large sums for the salaries of the Civil Servants of the Colony in excess of the amounts voted and approved by all the unofficial members in the Finance Committee and reported to the Council, and for in excess of what, in our opinion, are necessary or of what the Colony can reasonably afford to pay.

We protest against the Colonial Secretary and the official members of Council voting in Committee of Council, and in the Council on the third reading of the Bill, in support of votes for their own salaries in excess of the amounts approved by us in Finance Committee as reported.

Members of Council are legally incapable of voting on questions in which they are directly pecuniarily interested. They are disqualified on principle and by the law of Parliament formally declared in a recent case in England, and we protest and declare that the votes of the official members of Council on the Appropriation Bill, so far as the question of official salaries was concerned, were null and void and of no effect.

We claim that the amendments proposed in Committee of Council for the reduction of official salaries to the scale in force in 1890 were duly carried by a majority of legal votes; that the votes recorded against the amendments were null and void and ought not to have been counted; and that the Appropriation Bill ought to have been reported and passed with these amendments.

For the reasons above given we formally and unanimously protest against the so-called Appropriation Ordinance for 1893 as published, and declare it not to have been duly passed by this Honourable Council and not to be law.

Dated Hongkong, this 13th day of December, 1892.

(Signed) C. P. CHATER.
" HO KAI.
" T. H. WHITEHEAD.
" E. R. BELLIOS.

KOWLOON AND TAUMATI RATES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Having laid on the table the report mentioned in item one of the business, I now beg to move the resolution number 2 standing in my name. Hon members will remember that in our supplementary vote taken this year payment was included for certain gas equipments at Kowloon, and in our estimates for 1893 you will find an item of $3,000 provided for the payment of the cost of as It is now proposed to rate these districts which will benefit by the gas; to impose on them the usual percentage which is imposed for the cost of lighting here. I move the adoption of that resolution.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—I beg to second the motion. I do not suppose that there will be any objection from our transpontine neighbours. They will only have to pay the same rate for gas as we do on this side of the harbour.

Resolution carried *nem. con.*

THE PROPOSED LOAN.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—I have the honour to bring up for first reading a Bill entitled An Ordinance to declare the terms and conditions applicable to Loans authorised to be raised by the Government of Hongkong and to provide for the creation of Inscribed Stock. This Ordinance does not appear to be one which should reasonably need much debate. It prescribes the manner in which inscribed stock is to be raised should that method be decided upon for raising a loan. It has been drafted in England upon an approved model, and I trust this Council will find it unnecessary to make many if any alterations upon it. It presupposes a desire for a loan in the colony, and that that desire does exist I have little doubt. The hon. member who represents the Chamber of Commerce in his speech on 13th October, 1890, expressed himself as follows:—

"The finances of the Colony may be regarded as fairly satisfactory, but economy is necessary in view of the extra military contribution, the almost certain decrease in opium revenue, and the considerable increase in the salaries of officials, which latter I think the public will be very glad the Secretary of State has sanctioned, in view of the fact that this increase will or should be an incentive to greater efficiency in the different departments. The extraordinary public works expenditure is, I think with your Excellency, one which is somewhat unjust towards the present ratepayers, and should be provided for by means of a loan. Future generations will derive as much benefit from these public works as the present taxpayers, and I heartily agree with your Excellency that posterity should pay its fair share towards them."

I wish to refer for a moment to the report of the Finance Committee dated 21st March, 1892, the wording of which as far as I can ascertain appears to be somewhat misleading. Speaking on behalf of that Committee, and I believe I may say for the whole of it, we had no intention of committing ourselves to anything beyond an expression of opinion that looking to the balance of assets remaining at that time and the comparatively small deficit which was expected to exist at the end of 1892 a loan did not appear to us necessary for the service of that year; but we fully recognised the fact that in future years large deficits might be expected and we only deprecated borrowing so long as sufficient revenue could be obtained from ordinary sources plus the proceeds from the sale of land at reasonable prices to meet the expenditure on approved public works. That we have reached the point at which a loan is desirable is, I think, self-evident. The balance of our assets is exhausted. Our expenditure at the end of the year will be three lakhs beyond what has been derived from the revenue. That this is no extraordinary state of affairs in the history of the Colony is evident from the report which I prepared for the Committee appointed to consider the advisability of raising a public loan. In 1883 the balance of expenditure over revenue was $27,000; in 1884, $400,000; in 1885, $300,000; in 1886, $616,000; in 1887, $440,000; in 1888, $274,000. In 1889 and 1890 there was a balance of revenue over expenditure due to the fact that opium was bringing us in a large amount, and that the expenditure on public works had fallen off considerably. In 1891, the revenue derived from opium fell, and the expenditure on public works increased, and the balance of total expenditure over revenue was in that year $423,000. At the end of this year I estimate it will be $315,000. On the other hand the balance of our revenue over ordinary expenditure has with the exception of one year been of a satisfactory nature. In 1883 we had $150,000; in 1884, none; in 1885, $172,000; in 1886, $207,000; in 1887, $304,000; in 1888, $256,000; in 1889, $519,000; in 1890, $493,000; and last year, $157,000. This year it is estimated we have a balance of revenue over ordinary expenditure of $263,000. It thus appears that our deficits at the end of the year are not due to our ordinary, but entirely to our extraordinary public works. If we wish, and I think there can be little doubt that the Colony does wish, to carry out to the end the extraordinary public works we have in contemplation, and which will be for the improvement of the Colony, I do not see how this Colony is to avoid following the example set by most civilised nations of borrowing money. The prospective increase to our revenue from the works referred to is an extra inducement for proceeding with them rapidly, and for this purpose it is eminently desirable that as little time as possible should be lost in arranging the necessary preliminaries. The Bill itself, in section 2, states that the Governor may issue inscribed stock If he decide to do so, by section 4 such stock shall be issued by the Crown Agents, and by section 5 it will be redeemable within fifty years. In section 6 interest is declared payable half-yearly and a sinking fund of ¼ per cent. is provided for, proposed to commence at such time as shall be decided upon. The first sub-section of section 7 enacts that "if the price of the inscribed stock be below par at the time when the contributions are received the Crown Agents shall, if practicable, purchase therewith the inscribed stock in the market and shall cancel in the register the stock so purchased." By the word "par" in this sub-section (a) I presume it is intended to mean the price of the stock at the time it is issued and not 100 par. If it were 100 par, it might not always be to our advantage to purchase it even though it did fall below par. If inscribed stock is issued at 3½ it is probable it will always be below par. If it were issued at 93 it certainly would not be to our interest to purchase if it were to rise to 99. By section 9 all expenses of or incidental to the management of the sinking fund, or to the repayment of the principal moneys borrowed, shall be paid out of the sinking fund. These expenses, so far as I am aware, are nominal. The Crown Agents' commission on loans, as fixed by the Secretary of State, is ½ per cent. on the issue and repayment, plus ½ per cent. which it is customary to allow for tenders made through brokers. There is also ½ per cent. for the payment of interest. The Secretary of State in a circular despatch, which was laid on this table, I believe, stated that he understood this arrangement compared favourably with the charges of leading bankers for like services. By section 10 the Governor may authorise the conversion of existing loans into inscribed stock. Section 11 permits the issue of extra stock to such an extent as will, when added to say £100 of 3½ per cent. inscribed stock standing in the market at 93, enable it to be exchanged for £100 of 4 per cent. debentures at 103. Section 16, it will be observed, states that "nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the raising of loans in Hongkong under such terms and conditions as shall be specified in any Ordinance authorising the raising of such loans." With these remarks I have the honour to move the first reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Bill read a first time.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—I beg to move the first reading of a bill entitled An Ordinance for raising the sum of £200,00 by loan for the purpose of defraying the cost of certain Public Works." There will probably be a considerable difference of opinion as to the relative merits of borrowing in gold and in silver, and as to the advantages to be derived by our sinking fund being invested at a low rate in gold-using, or at a higher one in silver-using, countries. With regard to the latter I think it very improbable that the Secretary of State would allow the Colony to invest in any other species of funds than that in which it was permitted to invest on the last occasion. With regard to the relative merits of gold and silver, I am fully alive to the disadvantage of borrowing in one metal while interest and sinking fund have to be accumulated in another, and if there were no counterbalancing advantages there would be little difference of opinion as to which metal to adopt. But the counterbalancing advantage is the considerably lower rate at which we can borrow in England as compared with here, and hon. members if they will work the figures out will see that if the difference amounts to 1 per cent. we will gain steadily until the dollar drops to 5d. below its price at the time of the issue of the loan. As regards paying off our loan and the loss that might occur it must be remembered that our paying off is effected by a sinking fund of 1 per cent. per annum, and to last over fifty years. That is what would be affected by any future or large drop in the dollar. It has also to be remembered that the purchases we have to make in England from the Crown Agents are not in silver but in gold. It thus appears that we have to weigh the possibilities of a large prospective loss, which might equally be a large prospective gain, as against the certainty of considerable loss if borrowing in silver in the Colony. For these reasons I must express myself in favour of borrowing in gold, and if it is decided upon, then for the reasons given by the Crown Agents we should adopt the proposal to issue inscribed stock of 3½ per cent. as the best method. The sinking fund is proposed to be deferred for three years as the public works will not be at once productive. I beg to move the first reading of the Bill

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—Sir, I rise to move that this Bill be read this day three months. I do so on the following grounds—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, I rise to a point of order. I believe it is unusual here, as it is certainly unusual in the House of Commons, to oppose a Bill on the first reading. The first reading is a mere matter of form, the intention of which is to give hon. members due notice of the scope and provisions of the measure. It is usual to defer any opposition which it may be found necessary to make to the measure till the second reading. I think it would be more convenient if the hon. member were to follow the usual course in respect to the present Bill.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—I have very little to say, and with your Excellency's permission I desire to say now what I have to say.

HIS EXCELLENCY—It would certainly be out of order. You will be able to say it on the 28th. It is simply a formal matter, the first reading of the Bill.

DEATHBED MARRIAGES.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I rise to move the second reading of a bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Marriage Ordinance, 1875. It will be within the recollection of the Council that when this Bill was before the Council on its first reading I briefly explained its objects and reasons. I then stated that the chief object of the Bill was to offer relief to certain scruples of the Roman Catholic Church in Hongkong. As a matter of fact, however, the Bill is general in its form and any Christian Church can make use of its provisions. On this occasion I will very shortly refer to the actual provisions of the Bill itself and the conditions under which a deathbed marriage is allowed to take place. In section 2, which sanctions marriage between people who have lived together in unlawful connection, I propose when we go into Committee to make some slight alteration under which it will be laid down that these marriages are only to take place under certain definite conditions. The first is that the parties are to be able to signify their consent to the marriage, and do so in the presence of two witnesses. Then with regard to minors such marriage is not to take place, except one is a widow or a widower, unless the consent, the necessary consent, of those who stand in the position in *loco parentis* is obtained. Then no marriage shall be valid which, on the ground of kindred or affinity, would be invalid in England. The Bill as originally drafted, I may remark, provided that a marriage so solemnised should be specially registered in a schedule appended to the Ordinance. That seems, however, to be incomplete because if it is to be registered some notice must be given to the Registrar because it is his function to register the marriage. Therefore when we reach the Committee stage I will propose an amendment which you will find printed in italics in sub-section 3 of section 2. Then there is a provision that no marriage celebrated under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be valid unless the conditions before mentioned are complied with. Then there is a further provision with regard to the effect of the marriage. The rule in this colony and in England is that a marriage revokes a will. The Secretary of State has directed that if this Ordinance was introduced there should be a provision inserted that a deathbed marriage should not have the effect of revoking a will. The Secretary of State has not exactly stated what his reasons are, but I could very well imagine myself that a man might be under the influence of religious fe vour and do possibly what his religious advisers or priests may tell him is his duty, and it is thought fit that a marriage under such circumstances should not revoke any previous will which was made possibly in good health for the benefit of his family or relatives. Then I think, sir, the Ordinance would be incomplete unless there were some penalties imposed for non-compliance with the provisions of the Bill, and I also think that a penalty should be attached to celebrating any marriage without due notice to the Registrar. With these remarks I beg to propose the second reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill, the sections being taken seriatim. Only a few verbal alterations were made on the motion of the Acting Attorney-General. The following section as to penalties was added to the Ordinance:—(1) Whosoever shall knowingly celebrate any marriage in purported pursuance of this Ordinance contrary to or not in accordance with any provision thereof, and whosoever not being legally competent shall celebrate any marriage under this Ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and upon conviction thereof before the Supreme Court shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding 2 years with or without hard labour. (2) Any minister who after celebrating any marriage under this Ordinance fails to transmit the certificate thereof in accordance with section 1 (d) shall be liable on summary conviction by a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding $50.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I do not propose to move the third reading of the Bill to-day as there is no great hurry to pass the Ordinance.

PROBATES, &c.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—The next item on the orders of the day is the second reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the recognition in the colony of probates and letters of administration granted in the United Kingdom. The objects and reasons are stated at the foot and I do not propose to do more than move the second reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Bill read a second time.

The Bill then passed through Committee without alteration or comment and was then read a third time and passed.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I beg to move the second reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884. Honourable members will find that the objects and reasons of the Ordinance are detailed at the foot. The provisions of the Ordinance are not very important until you come to section 4. The subsection 2 re-enacts in somewhat different language the section. I think it is 2, of the old Ordinance of 1884. That Ordinance read somewhat in this way. "This Ordinance shall not operate to limit the right of Chinese practitioners to practise medicine or surgery or to receive, demand, or recover reasonable charges in respect of such practice." I do not know exactly what right before that date Chinese practitioners had; they certainly had no right, as far as I am aware, by law, and it seemed to me and several others who considered this Bill that the language of the section might be somewhat improved. Then, again, there are these words, "practise medicine or surgery." To the practice of medicine there seems to be no objection, but "to practise surgery" seems to be rather a curious statement, as there is no such thing really among the Chinese as surgery, and what we propose to do is this. "This Ordinance shall not be deemed to prohibit Chinese practitioners from practising medicine or treating surgical cases according to Chinese methods or from demanding or recovering reasonable charges for services rendered by them in respect of such practice." The next amendment is a purely technical one. The Medical Ordinance was passed in 1884. At that time the Acts in force were 21 and 22 Victoria, chapter 20, and 31 and 32 Victoria, chapter 39. Shortly after 1884, when the Ordinance was passed, an extending Act was passed which amended the Medical Act of 1858, repealed the Act of 31 and 32 Victoria, and made various alterations in the law. The section deals with the admission of medical practitioners registered under the Medical Acts of England, and therefore the old Act of 1858 having been altered and the Act 31 and 32 of Victoria repealed and a new Ordinance enacted, it was necessary to make in this particular section references to this new Act. We now come to the more important provisions of the Bill. These really deal with two classes of persons, colonial and foreign practitioners. In the law as it stands at present applicants for registration from other colonies have simply to prove their registration, and by producing such proof to the satisfaction of the Colonial Secretary they become entitled to registration in this colony. Applicants under the 13th section, I think it was, then holding diplomas from any University or College, had to prove to the satisfaction of the Medical Board the granting of the diploma and that it was granted after a course of study equivalent to the minimum course required in England. The present Bill makes this alteration. Instead of the matter being referred to the Colonial Secretary as regards colonial diplomas, it was thought it would be more desirable that the qualifications of applicants should come before the Medical Board, and in all cases where the practitioners who wish to be registered come from the colonies, or hold foreign diplomas, they must prove that they are of good character and have passed through a course of study equivalent to the minimum required in England. It is, I think, quite obvious that persons who come here from foreign countries and other colonies should produce some certificate or some evidence of their character. We do not know whom we might get here otherwise. And it would certainly be detrimental to any person who should come under their care if the practitioner had a bad character and was given to habits of intemperance. You will also notice that in sub-clause (b) the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese in the colony is specially mentioned. Well, there was some question as to whether they came under the definition of "College, University, or other body," and it was thought desirable that they should be specially named in the section. At the present moment, I am sorry to say, the examination through which they go there is not equivalent to the minimum course required in England, and therefore for the present they cannot be registered under the Ordinance, but I hope hereafter that their qualifications may be so far improved as to admit them to be registered as medical practitioners. It was suggested that we might possibly register the intermediate classes; registering those students who have passed through examinations as intermediate classes, but after very considerable thought and care the conclusion was come to that it would be undesirable to have a sort of man who were not really doctors, who were not really licensed under the home Acts or under the local Ordinances and were not fully qualified to deal with Europeans and all classes of the people. The idea was that they might possibly be allowed to practise and deal with the Chinese. The remaining amendments proposed are necessitated really by two clauses which are introduced in sub-section 4. They are of a formal and technical nature. I beg to move the second reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Bill read a second time.

The Council went into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. HO KAI—I beg to move an amendment to section 2. The amendment I wish to move is to leave out the words "according to Chinese methods" The reason I move this amendment is apparent if I explain to the members of this Council the principal result if this section be allowed to pass as it is. The result would be that those who have studied Chinese medicine would have a free hand in dealing with Chinese patients in this Colony, whereas those who have had a far better training in Western medicine, and yet who are not considered by their fellow professors of the Western world as having attained such a high standard as they themselves, would be driven from the colony and be unable to exercise their craft after many years' study even among their own fellow citizens. I do not think the Government have exercised an unwise policy in allowing the Chinese to practise their own system of medicine and surgery among their own people. In the present state of the colony I think it would be dangerous to provide otherwise. The Chinese should be exempted from the operation of this Ordinance for some time longer. I hope the time may come when we may be able to pass an Ordinance that all Chinese practitioners here, whether practising among the Chinese according to the native or European method, should be men who have proved themselves to have studied the subject and not merely holding themselves out as medical practitioners without having gone through any course of study whatsoever. At the present moment I wish the Government would consent to deleting these few words to enable those students who have studied European medicine in the Hongkong College of Medicine for the past five years and also at the Manson Memorial Hospital at Formosa or at Tientsin or anywhere else to practise. We have a student from the Tientsin College of Medicine as house surgeon in our hospital to practise surgery and medicine according to European methods. Why should this man, who has gone through a course of study, though not considered by the Medical Board of this colony to be equal to the minimum required by the British Act, be excluded from practising medicine among the Chinese population here, whereas on the other hand the Chinese who have learnt only Chinese medicine are allowed free scope? I hope the Government in dealing with this subject will consider the principle contained in that clause There is an old proverb that half a loaf is better than no bread.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—I rise to second the amendment. I think the arguments adduced by the hon. member who represents the Chinese have good reason in them and that he has made out a good case for deleting these four words.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—If I understand the hon. member, what he means to say is this. There are certain Chinese, educated Chinese, who have gone through a course of instruction here or somewhere else who have learnt European methods of treating cases. If that is so—and I see that the hon. member bows his head—this section does not effect them at all. The section indeed has nothing whatever to do with that class of people. The reason why the alteration was made in the wording from that employed in the old Ordinance was because the Medical Board said there was really no such thing as surgery among the Chinese. That is the whole reason for the alterations in the old section. If the hon. member really wants to have a different class of people such as he has proposed—that these students should be allowed to treat cases by European methods—you will have to have a different section altogether, and the question will have to be very seriously considered. But I think the whole question has been considered already. The Medical Board made some suggestions as to having an intermediate class, but the Government decided that they could not admit it. Therefore I should certainly oppose alterations of that kind, and if any other class of practitioner is to be introduced the matter must be considered at the proper moment.

Hon. HO KAI—I think the hon. member misunderstands my meaning. What I wish to say is that the result of the clause is to exempt Chinese practitioners who are practising medicine and surgery according to the Chinese methods from the operation of the Ordinance, but I say why not exempt also those Chinese who have learnt European medicine and allow them to practise among the Chinese according to the European methods?

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—That is the very point that the Government has decided was a principle it could not admit.

Hon. HO KAI—I did not know that.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I would propose, in order to concede to the hon. member as far as possible, that the clause be left over until the next meeting of the Council, in order that I might be quite sure of the grounds I have stated. I will look up the papers again, but I am fairly confident that that was the decision of the Government—not to admit any intermediate class for Europeans or Chinese.

The clause was then left over.

A SHORT ORDINANCE.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—There is one other short Ordinance which is down on the orders of the day. I have to move the second reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to repeal Section 45 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1860 and to amend Schedule A to Ordinance No. 1 of 1883. The objects and reasons are fully set forth in the footnotes. The first section of the Ordinance repeals section 45 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1860. It has been the habit to ignore the provision of that section as regards the payment of the net amount of intestates' estates from $100 and upwards to the Colonial Treasurer, and the practice has been that the accounts of these estates have been regulated by departmental instructions. There is another slight amendment which has been made by the Ordinance in the schedule to Ordinance No. 1 of 1883 dealing with distraints for rent. It is proposed to raise the housekeepers' fee from 25 cents to 50 cents per day. The fact of the matter is that where distress has been put in it has been impossible to find a respectable Chinaman to take charge for the sum named. I move the second reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Bill read a second time.

The Bill then passed Committee, was read a third time and passed.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY ON THE POSITION OF THE COLONY.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, the orders of the day having been disposed of, I beg leave to move the adjournment of the Council, and I take the opportunity to make a brief statement which will not detain the Council more than a few minutes. In speaking to the Supply Bill in Committee I observed that while it was my desire to treat the unofficial members of the Council with all possible courtesy, still certain allegations having been made in Finance Committee and at the meeting of Council which were not justified by facts and which were eminently calculated to prejudice the credit of the colony at a singularly inopportune juncture, it was my imperative public duty to state the real facts and to repair as far as I could the injury which the credit of the colony had received through the action and statements of the unofficial members. Had I not done so to the best of my humble ability I should have consulted my own ease and my desire to avoid fretting the susceptibilities of

official member himself stated that if your Excellency would give a certain undertaking they would agree to the vote, thereby clearly showing that their objection was not to the vote itself. Second, there was the abolition of the vote for the Audit Department. This must also be regarded rather as an expression of disapproval than as a substantive proposal, for they suggested no alternative, and it is hardly conceivable that they would really be content to see no provision for auditing the accounts of the colony. Third, there was the abolition of the second Magistrate. The motion was withdrawn. Fourth, the reduction of the vote for the Volunteers by one half was asked for by one member, and the motion was not even seconded. These, Sir, were all the other reductions asked for in Committee of Council. In the Finance Committee the hon. member who represents the Chamber of Commerce moved for the abolition of the office of Assistant Harbour Master. His motion was not seconded. He also moved for the abolition of the Registrar-General's Department *in toto* and the reduction of the salaries of the department by one half only, a somewhat hastily-conceived proposition which naturally found no seconder. These were the only motions for reduction made in Finance Committee in addition to those which were made in Committee of Council. Thus it will be seen that the only real reduction asked for and maintained by the unofficial members was the reduction of the 1891 increase of salaries. As to this they were unanimous, so much so indeed that one member who was absent wrote to say that he would vote for it without having heard or waiting to hear a single word of what was to be said against it. As I have already had occasion to state, the reduction would only produce a net saving of some £5,000 a year. Under these circumstances, Sir, I cannot but think that it is a matter of regret that the motion for immediate reduction of certain salaries was made. With these observations I beg to move the adjournment of the Council.

HIS EXCELLENCY—The Council will now adjourn until the 28th.

HONGKONG AND THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

The following letter from Sir George Bowen respecting space in the Imperial Institute allotted for exhibits from Hongkong was laid before the Legislative Council yesterday:—

Imperial Institute Road,
London, S.W., 28th October, 1892.

Sir,—Sir Frederick Abel, the Secretary of the Imperial Institute, has shown me a copy of a letter which was addressed to your Excellency by him on the 6th February last, No. $\frac{531}{91}$, and of the printed matter, photographs, &c., which accompanied it, giving full information respecting the nature of the space in the Imperial Institute Buildings preliminarily allotted for the reception and display of specimens of the produce of Hongkong.

In view of it being understood that Her Majesty the Queen, who laid the foundation stone in 1887, will formally open the Imperial Institute in May or June next, I take the opportunity of urging upon your Excellency the importance of immediate action in order to secure a representation of the resources of the colony at the time mentioned.

In order that your Excellency may be acquainted to some extent with the importance and usefulness of the Imperial Institute, I may mention that, although up to the present time a part only of the buildings has been (informally) thrown open, over 3,000 persons, many of them being of considerable political and social standing, have become Fellows of the Imperial Institute. Certain of the greater colonies have formed so high an opinion of the usefulness to their communities of due representation at the Imperial Institute that their Governments have already made special votes of money to be applied not only to the preparation of carefully arranged and classified collections, but also to the payment of a skilled curator and the necessary assistants at the Institute, and to the purchase of suitable show cases, &c., for the reception and display of such collections.

I trust that your Excellency and your Government and Legislature will agree that if the resources of the colony of Hongkong are to be represented at the Imperial Institute, it is highly desirable that the space allotted to it should not be unoccupied when public attention is so powerfully drawn to the collections as it will be by their official opening to the public by the Queen, and the ceremonies connected therewith.

It will be recollected that the Hongkong Court attracted great attention at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition of 1886, and that it is important that the colony should be also permanently represented in a similar manner at the Institute.

I would venture to suggest that Sir Frederick Abel should be authorized by telegram to purchase show cases such as those indicated in the photographs forwarded to you by him (the cost of which would not exceed £ 0.00) and that, before February next, he may receive a collection of samples of the local industries, with other exhibits, for display therein; and also a sum of money (not exceeding £ 5) to be devoted to the remuneration of an experienced officer, whom the Executive Council of the Institute will provide, to place the collection in order.

I may add that I shall be glad to bring before the governing body the names of any gentlemen resident in, or connected with, Hongkong, who may be desirous of becoming Fellows of the Institute. The particulars of Fellowship are shown in a memorandum which, together with a pamphlet descriptive of the Institute, will be forwarded to you by Sir Frederick Abel.

In conclusion, I would only add that the warm interest which I shall always feel in all projects calculated to promote the welfare and increase the reputation of Hongkong will at once explain and justify my addressing your Excellency on the subject.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your Excellency's obedient servant,

G. F. BOWEN,
Representative of Hongkong
on the Governing Body of the
Imperial Institute.

To His Excellency the Governor, Hongkong.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The Regatta of 1892 opens to-day and the programme promises some excellent sport. Though the wind during the last few days has been very bitter, if a little genial sunshine is vouchsafed it will not be unpleasant from a spectator's point of view, and will certainly be inspiriting to competitors. The Committee have made arrangements for the comfort of visitors on the flagship *Oceyia*, and the *Pilot Fish* will leave Pedder's Wharf at 1.15 p.m. (which will be in time for the important race of the day—the Chairman's Challenge Cup) and 1.45 p.m. It is hoped that a large number of ladies will be present. Our fancies for the rowing events are:—

CHAIRMAN'S CUP—Sander's crew.
GARRISON CUP—Manuk's crew.
ST. PATRICK'S CUP—Sander's crew.

CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE CUP, for four-oars; cup to be held by the winning crew for one year, but to remain the property of the Club; distance, one-mile-and-a-half; entrance, $10; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

"Thistle."

Station No. 1.—Brown Maltese Cross.		
Bow, E. Goets	10st.	3lbs.
No. 2, P. Phillipps	11st.	7lbs.
No. 3, E. Fredrichs	15st.	0lb.
Stroke, J. M. G. Manuk	10st.	10lbs.
Cox, J. A. Ingles	9st.	0lb.
"Rose."		
Station No. 2.—White.		
Bow, E. Stevenson	10st.	8lbs.
No. 2, B. L. Leatham	14st.	0lb.
No. 3, W. H. Potts	12st.	4lbs.
Stroke, G. C. Hayward	10st.	10lbs.
Cox, S. W. Hayward	9st.	11bs.
"Shamrock."		
Station No. 3.—Blue.		
Bow, G. L. Duncan	10st.	11lbs.
No. 2, G. Meynell	11st.	5lbs.
No. 3, E. L. Cay	12st.	10lbs.
Stroke, E. D. Sanders	12st.	5lbs.
Cox, B. E. Waters	9st.	4lbs.
"Look."		
Station No. 4.—White and Black		
Bow, H. G. Gedge	10st.	0lb.
No 2, S. Jeffrey	10st.	10lbs.
No. 3, V. U. S. Haggard	11st.	10lbs.
Stroke, R. F. Lammert	10st.	8lbs.
Cox H. Grimble	9st.	9lbs.

FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S CUTTERS; distance, one mile; entrance, $1; first prize, $15; second prize, $10; time allowed for cars, 4 seconds per car; boats to be approved by the Committee; four boats to start for two prizes.

FOR LIGHT GIGS; open to European Non-Commissioned Officers and men of any regiment or corps of the garrison, or to European members of the Police Force; the boats to be approved by the Committee; distance, one mile, time allowed for cars, 8 seconds per car; four boats must start for two prizes; entrance, $1; first prize, $15; second prize, $5.

GARRISON CUP, presented by the officers of the Garrison; for four-oars; distance, one mile; entrance, $10, to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club or boats similar in build to those belonging to the Victoria Recreation Club.

"Shamrock."

Station No. 1.—Blue.		
Bow, G. L. Duncan	10st.	11lbs.
No. 2, G. Meynell	11st.	5lbs.
No. 3, H. Pinckney	12st.	2lbs.
Stroke, E. D. Sanders	12st.	7lbs.
Cox,	9st.	9lbs.
"Kornblume."		
Station No. 2.—White.		
Bow, E. Stevenson	10st.	8lbs.
No. 2, W. O. Boothby	11st.	11lbs.
No. 3, A. L. Cay	12st.	10lbs.
Stroke, W. H. Ward	11st.	6lbs.
Cox, B. E. Waters	9st.	4lbs.
"Thistle."		
Station No. 3.—Black and Pink.		
Bow, W. Stopani	10st.	2lbs.
No. 2, F. Lammert	10st.	5lbs.
No. 3, G. C. Hayward	10st.	10lbs.
Stroke, R. F. Lammert	10st.	8lbs.
Cox, H. Grimble	9st.	9lbs.
"Rose."		
Station No. 4.—Brown Maltese Cross.		
Bow, H. G. Gedge	10st.	0lb.
No. 2, S. Jeffrey	10st.	10lb
No. 3, E. Friedrichs	15st.	0lb.
Stroke, J. M. G. Manuk	10st.	10lbs.
Cox, J. A. Ingles	9st.	0lb.

FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S GIGS AND WHALERS, distance, one mile; entrance, $1; first prize, $10; second, $5; the boats to be approved by the Committee; time allowed for cars, 8 seconds per oar; four boats must start for two prizes; (winning crew, 2nd and 3rd races, to be excluded.)

ST. PATRICK'S CUP, for pair-oars; each crew to consist of two members of the hong; distance, one mile; entrance, $5; to be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

"Lily."

Station No. 1.—Red and White.		
Bow, G. C. Murray	12st.	3lbs.
Stroke, E. D. Sanders	12st	5lbs.
Cox, B. E. Waters	9st.	4lbs.
Shewan & Co.		
"Maud."		
Station No. 2.—Blue and White.		
Bow, E. Lammert	10st.	12lbs.
Stroke, W. Stopani	10st.	2lbs.
Cox, H. Grimble	9st.	9lbs.
Lane, Crawford & Co.		
"Kathleen"		
Station No. 3.—Black and Red.		
Bow, G. C. Hayward	10st.	10lbs.
Stroke, G. L. Duncan	10st.	11lbs.
Cox,	9st.	9lbs.

SAILING RACE.—FOR ALL OPEN BOATS—any rig. Chinese owned boats excluded. Entrance, $2. Prize, $25. Course 8 miles. Post entries.

SAILING RACE (Y.R.A. HANDICAP)—FOR PARTIALLY DECKED BOATS not exceeding 1½ rating Y.R.A. measurement. Prize, Cup. Entrance, $4. Course 8 miles.

Dart, lug., 53rd Regiment	1.5 Blue, White, late Diagonal.	Choco.
Ladybird, sloop, Wilkinson	1.5 Red, Blue Spots.	
Cam, sloop, Howell	1.4 Pale Blue.	
Payne, lug., R.E.	1.5 Green, White Chevron.	
Elfin, lug., Lammert	1.2 Blue and Red Horizontal White Star.	
Hiyah, lug., Harding	1.4 Green and Yellow Envelope.	
Kitten, sloop, May	1.4 Brown and Yellow Horizontal Stripes.	
Pearl, sloop, Denison	1.5 White, Blue St. Andrew's Cross.	
Charmian, yawl, Carey	1.5 Blue, Red Zig zag.	
Sho, sloop, Gale	1.2 Grey, Red Grey Horizontal Stripes on White.	

FIRST DAY.—Y. R. A. allowance.

Dart, Ladybird, Payne, and Pearl allow—	37 secs.
Cam, Hiyah, and Kitten	1 min. 18 "
Elfin	2 " 2 "
She and Charmian	

The Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme:—

March	"Umballa"	Payne.
Overture	"Zampa"	Herold.
Valse	"L'Etoile Polaire"	Waldteufel.
Selection	"Cosier Songs"	Chevalier.
Dance	"Arabian"	Sarakowski.
Selection	"H.M.S. Pinafore"	Sir A. Sullivan.
Valse	"Moreska"	Faro.
Gavotte	"Abschied"	Kappey.

CRICKET.

B COMPANY 1ST S.L.I. v. D COMPANY 1ST S.L.I.

This match was played on the Army pitch, Happy Valley, yesterday. Score:—

B COMPANY.

Corpl. Miles, lb w b Cass	4
Pte. Verrall, c Stevenson, b Whitehouse	4
Pte. Goodall, c Stevenson, b Cass	2
Pte. Speake, run out	14
Pte Stilt, c Cass, b Stevenson	12
Pte Parton, c Jordan, b Cass	11
Pte. Howarth, c Hicks, b Stevenson	7
Pte. Taylor, c Cass, b Whitehouse	2
Pte. Jackson, not out	6
Pte. Bissitt, b Stevenson	0
Thomas, c Hicks, b Cass	1
Extras	1
	65

D COMPANY.

Pte. Lloyd, c and b Miles	6
Pte. Williams, b Parton	4
Capt. Cass, b Parton	12
Pte. Stevenson, b Miles	4
Pte. Whitehouse, run out	13
Pte. Hicks, b Parton	13
Pte. Williams, b Parton	0
Pte. Bonetti, b Parton	6
Pte Jordan, c Bissitt, b Parton	1
Pte. Goodiner, b Speake	17
Pte. Coles, not out	9
Extras	
	85

SUPREME COURT.

14th December.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. FIELDING CLARKE, CHIEF JUSTICE.

SEEKING THE PROTECTION OF THE COURT.

The case in which two undischarged Chinese bankrupts applied for an order against Messrs. Scheele & Co., to restrain them from taking proceedings against the bankrupts at Canton for the recovery of a debt of $401.35, again came on for hearing.

Mr. J. Hastings (of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon's office) appeared for the bankrupts.

Mr. Hastings said that Messrs. Scheele and Co. were a firm resident in the colony who had proved their debt against the bankrupts' estate and had received a dividend in due course. They were now endeavouring to effect the arrest of the debtors in Canton, and this pursuit was a great personal loss to them as they both held positions in foreign firms. The application to the Court therefore was to restrain the firm of Scheele and Co. from taking action at Canton and effecting the arrest of the bankrupts. Mr. Hastings went on to quote a large number of cases bearing on the practice under the old Bankruptcy and Chancery Acts, and submitted that the Court had ample power to make the injunction asked for.

His Lordship enquired whether any affidavits had been filed by the other side.

Mr. Richard Abesser said that he appeared for the firm of Messrs. Scheele and Co.

His Lordship—Do you admit the facts?

Mr. Abesser—No.

His Lordship—You do not admit that the $250 is the same sum in respect of which you proved?

Mr. Abesser—No, the amount is made up by two promissory notes which amount to $400; they were not given direct to us, but transferred to us by their late owner.

His Lordship—Have you any reason to believe that you will get anything from the debtors if you are allowed to proceed?

Mr. Abesser—Yes, my lord; one of the debtors is a partner in a Canton firm, and the other is going to be a partner in a Hongkong firm.

His Lordship—Anything you get you know you will have to give up for the general benefit of the creditors.

Mr. Hastings, in the course of his cross-examination of Mr. Abesser, said—Supposing you had obtained a dividend on your debt of 50 per cent. would you have still enforced the whole of these promissory notes against the debtors at Canton?

Mr. Abesser—Yes, I would have thought it the proper thing to do so.

Mr. Hastings—Although you say, I think, they were given for the same debt?

Mr. Abesser—I don't trouble myself with that, because it is nothing to me.

His Lordship—Yes; you get something to you. You are a business man, and you know what promissory notes are given for. You don't take promissory notes without knowing something about the parties who give them. It has got something to do with you, surely.

Mr. Abesser—The compradore owes us money, and he said, "I have two promissory notes and I cannot get the money; please try to force them to pay."

His Lordship—You were not doing it for the compradore but for yourselves. You did not say to the Consul, "These people owe my compradore money; please try to get it."

Mr. Abesser—No; it was on my own behalf.

Mr. Hastings—Did you tell the Consul that the debt was for goods due to your firm?

Mr. Abesser—I said it was for goods; that the compradore owed us the amount for goods. I cannot say exactly what I told him without my books. I gave my instructions by letter to the German Consul at Canton.

His Lordship said—It strikes me that if this is substantially your debt I will have to make an injunction. It would be more satisfactory, I think, if you made an undertaking not to proceed at all. I have considerable sympathy with you, because I know Chinese bankrupts often behave badly, and I have no sympathy with the man who pays only 7 per cent. But it is English law that if any man proves a certain amount he elects to abide by the bankruptcy, and although we cannot stay proceedings in the Chinese Courts we can exercise jurisdiction in this Colony. I am bound to administer the law as it is, and not in accordance with any feelings or sympathy I have on the subject, and, therefore, if it appears that this is your debt—if the correspondence with the German Consul, the books of the firm, and the evidence of the compradore all point to that conclusion, I would have no option but to grant an injunction. That is why I suggest an undertaking on your part not to proceed further. I suppose that would satisfy you, Mr. Hastings, if Messrs. Scheele and Co. undertake to withdraw all proceedings?

Mr. Abesser—Can our compradore take proceedings?

His Lordship—I would say not. He gets the benefit of your proof in the bankruptcy. If you get anything out of the bankrupts you would not be entitled to keep it yourselves if the debt is the same, and I cannot help thinking it is. You would have to hand over whatever you got for the good of the other creditors. I have no desire in a matter of this sort to go into your books and correspondence. I understand you may have been hardly used and I do not wish you to incur any expense if I can prevent it; and I would suggest to you, and I would suggest to Mr. Hastings, that he should accept your undertaking that these proceedings, whatever they are in the Chinese *yamens*, should not be carried any further, and that you will instruct the German Consul to that effect. I could not give costs against Messrs. Scheele and Co. in a case of this sort, because I have no sympathy with people who pay only 7 per cent.; I do not care what their condition may be. And, besides, there is something in the conduct of the bankrupts themselves which is not very satisfactory. They have got the protection of the Court here and have left matters as they were for the last two years. If my suggestion is satisfactory to both sides that is what I would propose to do; at least, I cannot do it, but I make the suggestion.

Mr. Hastings—It is not simply that they must not go on with these proceedings, but that they must withdraw them formally.

Mr. Abesser undertook to do as his Lordship suggested.

Mr. Hastings—I will be quite satisfied with that.

His Lordship—I think it is the best way. I cannot help thinking in some cases people ought to know that when they come and prove in a bankruptcy and agree to accept a dividend whether they get 99 per cent, which I know is exceedingly rare, or only 2 or 3 per cent., which I am sorry to say is exceedingly common, they must abide by it whatever it is. They cannot come and proceed in a British Court, and then proceed in the Courts in foreign countries, whether in China or elsewhere, which places creditors in Hongkong at disadvantages. People living in China would prove debts in Hongkong and go and enforce payment in China, and the same effect is not paid in Chinese Courts to adjudication in bankruptcy as in other countries, which places other creditors at a disadvantage.

Mr. Hastings—I think that the terms of the undertaking should be distinctly specified, so that, if necessary, it can be referred to.

His Lordship—I think the best thing would be to adjourn for a week, on the understanding that you receive an undertaking, and if the matter rests there will be no other order.

Mr. Hastings asked that the undertaking should be filed in the bankruptcy proceedings, and his Lordship assented.

His Lordship (to Mr. Abesser)—You will take my opinion that any proceedings by your compradore will be liable to be stopped in the same way, and it would be a breach of your undertaking if you continued any proceedings on behalf of your compradore, because your undertaking is that these proceedings will be withdrawn and that you will instruct the German Consul accordingly.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—Permit me to point out that the comparison drawn in your leader of to-day between the Shanghai Volunteers and the proposed local Corps is exceedingly misleading, in fact no fair comparison can be made between the two. In Shanghai a Volunteer Force is absolutely necessary and the members consequently submit to much that could not be insisted upon by the authorities in a Crown Colony like Hongkong with its permanent garrison.

The Municipality undertakes to provide all actual requirements connected with the Shanghai Corps; consequently things have to be cut very fine and no capitation grant is allowed, and the members themselves have to pay for many things usually borne by a Corps as a whole at home.

An Armoury or Drill Hall is very much needed and would add immensely to the popularity of Volunteering there, but the authorities cannot very well give one, and heretofore, though often talked of, it has not been found feasible to build one by private subscription.

A "professional" Adjutant is more than wanted for the Corps there, and one should have been appointed long ago, but here, too, the question of dollars has prevented it and the Corps suffers in consequence. Should any troubles of a prolonged nature occur in or about Shanghai it would be absolutely necessary to obtain the loan of a qualified officer from Hongkong to undertake the work.

These two items alone, setting aside the purely hypothetical item of expenditure "25 per cent. on initial expenditure, &c.," make up more than the difference between the probable cost of the two Corps, and I can safely assure you the Shanghai Volunteers would be very glad to have either or both. There are various other matters of expenditure which are dovetailed in with general municipal requirements as well, which cannot be done here, and consequently assist in keeping down the apparent cost of the entire Corps. As regards the Coolie Corps you must bear in mind that ponies are cheap to buy and cheap to keep in Shanghai; they have a perfectly flat country, and have only four guns to provide draft for, and so find it only requisite to keep eight permanent ponies. Here the Volunteers will have to provide draft for what are practically eighteen pieces, requiring at least twenty men each merely to take them about properly, or say not less than 360 men in all!

I have only to add that this being a Crown Colony, when the Volunteer Committee drew up the scheme lately submitted to the Government they endeavoured to fashion it as much as possible upon the lines of the Volunteer Forces in the United Kingdom. There a fixed capitation grant and the free services of an Adjutant are allowed for every Corps by Government, and an armoury or drill hall is provided for it by both private and public subscription on the part of all specially interested in it.—I am, sir, yours &c.,

CHAS. J. HOLLIDAY,
Late Major-Commanding S.V.C.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1892.

Emperor William, in his speech on the opening of the Reichstag, declared his relations with foreign Powers to be friendly and hoped that Germany would remain undisturbed in her peaceful efforts to promote economic interests. The increase of the military power of other states, His Majesty said, compels similar measures on the part of Germany, hence the necessity for the Military Bill lately introduced. His Majesty believes that the patriotism of the nation accepts the sacrifice.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The following telegrams are from the *Bangoon Gazette*:—

INDIAN CURRENCY COMMISSION.

LONDON, 20th November.

The Committee of the Indian Currency Commission met yesterday and examined Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hermann Schmidt, and others, and afterwards adjourned.

THE GAEKWAR.

LONDON, 20th November.

The Queen granted an audience to the Gaekwar at Windsor yesterday.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, 20th November.

The death is announced of General William Sankey.

LONDON, 21st November.

The death is announced of the Very Rev. Marsham Argles, D.D., Dean of Peterborough.

GOVERNMENT AND PRESS IN FRANCE.

PARIS, 21st November.

Notwithstanding M. Loubet's recent victory in the Chamber it has voted an amendment to the Press Laws Bill which vitiates the measure and renders the Government nearly as powerless as they were before.

IMPORT DUTIES AT ZANZIBAR.

LONDON, 21st November.

After the 1st February import duties on wine, opium, and tobacco will be imposed at Zanzibar.

BRITISH AND PORTUGUESE.

LONDON, 22nd November.

It is announced that the Channel Squadron will not pay its accustomed visit to the Tagus this year, owing to the anti-English feeling that exists there, and the fears that some hostile demonstration would be made.

THE GAEKWAR.

LONDON, 22nd November.

The Gaekwar of Baroda paid a visit to the Queen at Windsor yesterday and was received with full military honours. Her Majesty granted the Maharanee a private audience and decorated her with the Order of the Crown of India.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

PARIS, 21st November.

A tremendous scene was created in the Chamber of Deputies to-day on M. Delahaye, a Boulangist Deputy, affirming, in a long speech, that the Panama Canal Company had spent millions in bribing Ministers, Deputies, bankers, and newspapers. He refrained, however, from mentioning names, but said that 150 Deputies were implicated. Delahaye then demanded an enquiry into the matter, which was unanimously voted.

LONDON, 21st November.

The summonses against the directors of the Panama Canal Company were served yesterday. Baron Reinach, one of the defendants in the case, died yesterday of apoplexy.

PARIS, 23rd November.

M. Ferdinand de Lesseps is so weakened by age that he will not be able to appear at the forthcoming trial of the directors of the Panama Canal Company, of which he is at present ignorant.

ITALIAN AFFAIRS.

ROME, 23rd November.

King Humbert, in a speech at the opening of the Italian Parliament, said he continued to enjoy friendly relations with all the Powers. His Majesty then said that the Triple Alliance continues its vigilant care to prevent any dissension in Europe. As regards financial equilibrium in Italy, His Majesty said it could be attained without any increase in taxation.

FEMALE EDUCATION IN INDIA.

LONDON, 23rd November.

Lord Kimberley yesterday received an influential deputation, including Sir W. Hunter, Sir W. Wedderburn, Dadabhai Naoroji, M.P., Mr Justice Jardine, besides several native ladies and gentlemen, to protest against the Bombay Government withdrawing its support from the Poona Native Girls' School, and to advocate increased support from Government for female education in India.

His Lordship, in reply, promised to forward the memorial to the Bombay Government and said the matter was a question of finance. He completely agreed with the speakers as to the extreme importance of encouraging female education in India.

THE COTTON CRISIS.

LONDON, 24th November.

The Masters Federation announces that eight-ninths of the spindles belonging to the members of the federation are now either stopped or working half time.

EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

CAIRO, 22nd November.

The Egyptian budget shows a surplus of four hundred and sixty thousand pounds sterling, but the hands of Government are still tied as to its disposal.

CAIRO, 24th November.

Colonel Kitchener has returned here from Suakim, whither he proceeded when Osman Digma threatened the place. A battalion of Egyptian troops sailed to-day for Suakim from Suez.

FRENCH ANNEXATION.

LONDON, 25th November.

The French have annexed the islands of St. Paul and New Amsterdam as a set off against the annexation of Aldabra by the British.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

LONDON, 25th November.

Mr. J. L. Mackay yesterday addressed the Manchester Chamber of Commerce. In the course of his address he advocated a gold standard for India.

The proceedings of the Brussels Conference are expected to be slow, and it is not believed that any delegate possesses full powers, but that the great majority, including the British delegates, are instructed to hear all sides, and report to their respective Governments.

THE FRONTIER.

LONDON, 22nd November.

The *Turkestan Gazette* narrates that envoys from the Khan of Kandshut recently arrived at Turkestan to beg material support against the British, and that General Vrewsky, the Governor, refused absolutely to lend his support. Any disturbance, he said, of the relations between Russia and Great Britain, which together ruled half the globe, would entail frightful calamities to many millions.

ALLAHABAD, 24th November.

The statement made in the *Turkestan Gazette* regarding the mission from the Khan of Kandshut to the Governor of Turkestan for the purpose of invoking material aid against the British is ridiculous. There is no such person as the Khan of Kandshut, though Kandjut it need not be said, is the name given to the territory of Hunza and Nagar. If there is any truth in the *Gazette* paragraph at all, it probably means that some fugitives have reached Tashkend, who in order to secure a good reception have invented a deputy of the Khan of Kandjut for the occasion and declared themselves to be his envoys, but the whole story has an apocryphal air about it.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.—Dr. King's Dandelion and Quinine Liver Pills, without Mercury, are a potent remedy; remove all Liver and Stomach Complaints, Biliousness, Headache, Sickness, Shoulder Pains, Heartburn, Indigestion, Constipation. Made only in London. Sold everywhere. |5—2535

REPORT.

The British steamer *Hangchow*, from Wuhu 10th Dec., had strong monsoon and high sea throughout.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE.

LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2.8⅝
Bank Bills, on demand	2.8⅝
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2/8½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2 8½
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2 9½
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2 9½
PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	3.41
Credits, at 4 months' sight	3.49
ON GERMANY.—	
On demand	2.75
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	60
Credits, 60 days' sight	67½
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	220½
Bank, on demand	220½
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	220½
Bank, on demand	220½
ON SINGAPORE.—	
Bank, at sight	71½
Private, 30 days' sight	72½
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	7.22

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY.	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & S'hai	$125	116½ p. ct. pm. = $270.62
China, Japan, &c.	£4.5	£2½
Do., Founders	£1	£20
Nat. Bank of Ch.		
R. Shares	£8.10	$39½ (=about 30½ p. ct. dis.) sellers
Fonm. Shares	£1	$20.5, sellers
Brown & Co., H. G.	$50	$20
Campbell, Moore & Co.	$10	$4, nom.
China Borneo	$55	$1, buyers
China Sugar	$100	$150
Chinese Loan '86 E.	Tls. 250	12 p. ct. pm. buyers
Dakin, Cruickshk & Co	$5	$3, sellers
Dairy Farm Co.	$10	$5
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	$25	$14½, buyers
Green Island Cement	$50	$5, nom.
H. Brick & Cement	$21.50	$24, nom.
H. A. C. Bakery	$50	65
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	$105 buyers
Hongkong Electric	$8	$24, sales
H. H. L. Tramways	$100	$45, buyers
Hongkong Ice	$25	$68, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	$50	$45, sellers
Hongkong Rope	$50	$101, sales
H. & W. Dock	$125	76 per cent. = $95
Hotels—		
Anglo Arms	$50	$4½, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	$50	$25, sellers
Do. New Issue	$20	nom.
Shameen	$15	$5, nom.
Insurances—		
Canton	$50	$105
China Fire	$20	$87
China Traders'	$25	$66
Hongkong Fire	$50	$260, sellers
North-China	£50	Tls. 240, sellers
Singapore	$25	$12, buyers
Straits Fire	$25	$17½, sellers
Straits Marine	$20	$16, sellers
Union	$25	$83, sellers
Yangtsze	$100	$162, sellers
Land & Building—		
H. Land Investm't	$50	$53, sales
Kowloon Land & B.	$30	$7, buyers
Peak Building	$13	nom.
Humphreys Estate	$10	$16½
West Point Buildg.	$40	$26
Luzon Sugar	$100	$37½
Mining—		
Balmoral Gold	$10	25 cts., nom.
Charbonnages	$131.58	$110, sellers
New Imaris	17s. 6d.	$2½
Jelebu	$5	$5, sales & buyers
Pinjom	$3	$4
Do. (Preference)	$1	$1, buyers
Raubs	18s. 9d.	30 cts., buyers
Selama	$1	30 cts. = $1.50 new issue
Do.	$0.40	4½ cts.
Steamship Coys.—		
China & Manila	$50	$28
Douglas S.S. Co.	$50	$37
H., Canton, & M.	$25	$30
Indo-China S. N.	£10	45 p. ct. dis.
Steam Launch	$30	$30½, nom.
Wchai Ward & Co.	$374	$421, sellers
Watson & Co., A. S.	$100	$154, sales

E. J. COXON,
Share Broker.

OPIUM.

	Per Picul.	Allowance.
This year's New Malwa	$520	1½ to 4 catties.
Two years' old Malwa	$530	1 to 4 "
Old (3 to 4 years) Malwa	$540	1 to 3 "
Patna (New)	Low Nos. $577½, High Nos. $581½	per chest.
Benares (New)	$580	"

THE WEATHER.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.
13TH DECEMBER, AT 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to sea level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Force.	Weather.	Rain last 6 hours.
Vladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pekin	29.92	—	—	S	2	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	30.45	46	—	NW	3	b	—
Foochow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	30.38	57	58	ENE	2	b	—
Anping	30.29	61	—	NNE	5	—	—
Swatow	30.33	67	—	NNE	3	b	—
Hongkong	30.31	63	29	N	1	b	—
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	ENE	4	—	—
Canton	30.38	—	—	NE	1	c	—
Macao	30.35	—	44	N	1	c	—
Hoihow	30.35	67	—	ENE	4	c	—
Haiphong	30.2	66	—	NNE	3	c	—
Delisoa	29.91	8[illegible]	87	NNE	3	c	—
Manila	29.89	83	62	NE	2	c	—
Cape S. James	—	—	—	NE	7	c	0.1

14TH DECEMBER, AT 10 A.M.

Vladivostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tchifu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foochow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	30.43	59	64	NNE	1	b	—
Anping	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	30.40	66	—	N	3	b	—
Hongkong	30.40	63	42	NE	3	b	—
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	30.44	53	—	NE	1	b	—
Macao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haiphong	30.31	53	73	ENE	3	b	—
Delisoa	30.03	81	74	SE	2	c	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cape S. James	—	—	—	N	4	b	—

Barometer falling. Gradients moderate for N.E. winds. Weather clear, dry, and very cold. (Issued at 10.30 a.m.)

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.32	30.40	30.27
Temperature	53	53	56
Humidity	29	42	31
Direction of wind	N.	N.E.	N.N.E.
Force	1	3	1
Weather	b.	b.	b.
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 13th 57
Lowest open air temperature on the 13th 46
1—BAROMETER reduced to 32 degrees Fahr. at sea level.
2—TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3—HUMIDITY in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4—DIRECTION OF THE WIND in two points.
5—FORCE OF THE WIND according to Beaufort Scale.
6—STATE OF THE WEATHER: b. blue sky c. detached clouds; d. drizzling rain; f. fog; g. gloomy; h. hail; l. lightning; o. overcast; p. passing showers; q. squally; r. rain; s. snow; t. thunder; v. visibility w. dew (wet).

W. DOBBICK.

Hongkong Observat

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NO. 10, OLD BAILEY.
No. 7, PRAYA CENTRAL, at present occupied by the New Oriental Bank in Liquidation.
New HOUSES in RIPON TERRACE, BONHAM ROAD, near Breezy Point.
No. 4, BLUE BUILDINGS.
FLOORS in BLUE BUILDINGS.
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LOWER WOODLANDS WEST. (Six-Roomed House).
39, ELGIN TERRACE.
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Hongkong, 5th December, 1892. |2533

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HOUSES in KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.
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GODOWNS at WANCHAI, with good water frontage, suitable for storing Coal or Merchandize.
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Hongkong, 28th October, 1892. |2272

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GROUND FLOOR, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD. Cool and Airy; suitable for Office.
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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1892. |2574

TO LET.

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WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

THE Large Handsome SHOP, No. 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by Dalziel Bros. of China, Limited, and also 2 large airy ROOMS on the top of above.
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ROOMS on SECOND-FLOOR of TELEGRAPH HOUSE, Furnished or Unfurnished.
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Hongkong, 16th November, 1892. |38

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MRS. GILLANDERS has Vacancies for RESIDENT BOARDERS and VISITORS, also Accommodation for Table Boarders.
Hongkong, 5th July, 1892. |1357

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have always on hand
LARGE STOCKS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION OF COAL.
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By Order of the Board,
STEAM LAUNCH CO., LD.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1892. |2571

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MUNICH BEER
LÖWENBRAU.
$13 .....per case of 4 dozen quarts.
$15 .....per case of 8 dozen pint.
EDUARD SCHELLHASS & CO.,
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$27..... per case of 1 dozen quarts.
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$8.25 ..... per case of 1 dozen quarts.
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$5.75..... per case of 1 doze quarts.
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Hongkong, 18th November, 1892. |27

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CHAMPAGNE "MONOPOLE,"
—HEIDSIECK & Co.—
MONOPOLE RED SEAL (medium dry).
Do. "100" RED FOIL (dry).
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$26 per Case, 6 magnums (Dry).
$27 „ „ 6 do (Extra dry).
$25 „ „ 12 quarts (Dry).
$26 „ „ 24 pints (Dry).
$26 „ „ 12 quarts (Extra dry).
$27 „ „ 24 pints (Extra dry).
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$7.50 to $66 per Case of 1 dozen quarts.
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$6 to $42 per Case of 1 dozen quarts.
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TWO FINE NEW PIANOS (upright from a First-class German Factory.
Price $210 and $240,
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ANTIPYRINE.
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Is the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.
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SAN FRANCISCO VIA Y'HAMA.	City of Peking	Amer. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	On 31st inst., at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA Y'HAMA.	Gaelic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 20th inst., at 1 P.M.
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YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Tsinan	Brit. str.	Allison	Butterfield & Swire	On or about 15th inst.
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VESSELS ON THE BERTH

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA
(VIA INLAND SEA.)
THE Steamship
"PEMBROKESHIRE,"
Captain F. Gedye, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 15th inst.
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Hongkong, 7th December, 1892. |2557

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STEAM FOR
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having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES (LEGHORN), and GENOA; all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.
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L. Baccarini, Master, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 17th inst., at NOON.
At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.
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CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. |6

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
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Captain Jamieson, will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 30th inst.
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. |2611

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE; VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
GAELIC.....TUESDAY.....Dec. 20
BELGIC (via Honolulu)...THURSDAY...Jan. 19
OCEANIC.....THURSDAY...Feb. 9
THE Steamship "GAELIC" will be dispatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 20th DECEMBER, at ONE P.M., Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.
To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O., $225.00
To Liverpool and London.....$325.00
To Paris and Bremen.....$345.00
To Havre and Hamburg.....$335.00
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.
RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND CITIES. FIRST CLASS.

DESTINATION	30 day Tickets.	Continuous Trip Tickets.
Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb.	285.00	
St. Louis, Mo.	292.50	291.50
St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn.	292.90	
Chicago, Ill.	297.50	295.00
Milwaukee, Wis	299.50	295.00
Cincinnati, Ohio.	302.30	301.50
Columbus, Ohio	304.25	304.20
Detroit, Mich	304.95	302.75
Cleveland, Ohio	306.55	305.00
Toronto, Canada	309.95	307.45
Pittsburg, Penn	310.25	307.00
Niagara Falls, N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y.	311.00	308.50
Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md.	317.90	311.75
Montreal, Canada	319.75	313.00
Philadelphia, Penn	319.75	312.50
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Boston, Mass	321.15	317.00
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All the above Rates are in Mexican Dollars.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.
Through tickets issued to Passengers, booking to Europe or to Overland Points, are good for transportation across the American Continent, via the Union Pacific Railway System only.
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Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.
Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*
All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1892. |4

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 L. I. I American Ship
"WILLIAM J. ROTCH,"
Bray, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1892. |2531

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 L. I. I. British Ship
"ALBANIA,"
Captain Brownell, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 31st October, 1892. |2284

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 A. I.I. American Bark
"XENIA,"
Captain F. D. Smith, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 8th November, 1892. |2352

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship
"TITAN,"
Captain Brown, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 23rd inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1892 |2592

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG, AND ANTWERP.
THE Steamship
"GLAMORGANSHIRE,"
Captain D. Davies, will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 23rd instant,
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1892. |2371

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
THE Steamer
"TSINAN,"
Captain Allison, will be despatched on 24th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. |2610

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE, CHINA AND JAPAN.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892-3.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Wednesday	28th Dec.
EMPRESS OF CHINA	Wednesday	25th Jan.
EMPRESS OF INDIA	Wednesday	22nd Feb.

THE R. M. S.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN,"
Lieut. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., Commander, sailing at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th DECEMBER, with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
(In Mexican Dollars).
—FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO	One Way Fares	Prepaid Return 4 Mos.	Prepaid Return 12 Mos.
Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, B.C.	225	338	394
Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Wash			
Portland, Ore., San Francisco.			
Banff, Calgarry, Alba	255	383	447
Winnipeg, Man	275	413	482
To Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Minn	285	428	499
Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo	295	443	517
Milwaukee, Wis			
Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, O.			
Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ont.	305	458	534
Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y.			
Kingston, Ottawa, Ont., Montreal, Quebec, Que.			
New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, N.Y.			
Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Pa.	310	465	543
Washington, D.C., Boston, Mass., Portland, Me.			
Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B.			
Liverpool and London via Liverpool	325	575	650
Paris, via Liverpool and London	345	not issued	not issued
Havre, via Liverpool	335		
Bremen, „	345		
Hamburg, „	335		

2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail, and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steerage Fares and Rates to other places, quoted on application.
The Steamers call at Victoria to land and embark Passengers.
Return Tickets.—Time limit for prepaid return ticket is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarking at Vancouver.
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all Trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China or Japan, and to Government officials.
CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Points.
CONSULAR INVOICES of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. BROWN, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, C. P. R., Vancouver, B.C.
PARCELS must be sent to the Company's Office with address marked in full by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
E. HOLLOWAY,
General Agent.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1892. |8

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FLINTSHIRE	Thursday	Dec. 29th.
VICTORIA	Thursday	Jan. 26.
TACOMA	Thursday	Feb. 23.
A STEAMER	Thursday	Mar. 23.

AND THEREAFTER THE PERMANENT SERVICE OF THE COMPANY'S REGULAR STEAMERS.
THE Steamship
"FLINTSHIRE,"
Captain Dwyer, sailing at NOON, on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, via SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.
Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of The General Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.
Parcels must be sent to our Office with address marked in full by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.
For further information as to Passage or Freight apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1892. |1037

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
CITY OF PEKING .....SATURDAY...Dec. 31
CHINA .....TUESDAY...Jan. 10
PERU .....SATURDAY...Jan. 28
THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO VIA YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 31st DECEMBER, 1892, at ONE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
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RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND CITIES. FIRST CLASS.

DESTINATION	30 day Tickets.	Continuous Trip Tickets.
Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb.	285.00	
St. Louis, Mo.	292.50	291.50
St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn.	292.90	
Chicago, Ill.	297.50	295.00
Milwaukee, Wis	299.50	295.00
Cincinnati, Ohio.	302.30	301.50
Columbus, Ohio	304.25	304.20
Detroit, Mich	304.95	302.75
Cleveland, Ohio	306.55	305.00
Toronto, Canada	309.95	307.45
Pittsburg, Penn	310.25	307.00
Niagara Falls, N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y.	311.00	308.50
Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md.	317.90	311.75
Montreal, Canada	319.75	313.00
Philadelphia, Penn	319.75	312.50
New York	319.75	315.00
Boston, Mass	321.15	317.00
Portland, Maine	327.25	317.00

All the above Rates are in Mexican Dollars.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.
Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Points.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. Brown, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, C. P. R., Vancouver, B.C.
Parcels must be sent to the Company's Office with address marked in full by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. |3

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 100 A1 Norwegian Bark
"SIGURD,"
Aase, Master, will load here for the above port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & CO.
Hongkong, 12th November, 1892. |2386

IMPORTANT SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
HIOGO, JAPAN.
TO CAPITALISTS-SYNDICATES, HOTEL PROPRIETORS, AND OTHERS.
TO BE SOLD BY TENDER.
ALL that property known as the HIOGO HOTEL, KOBE, JAPAN, with its unrivalled situation facing the Harbour of Kobe, the larger portion of the property, viz., that facing the sea, being held in perpetuity from the Japanese Government at a small (almost nominal) ground rent, and carrying with it the privilege of using the whole of the Beach in front of the Hotel down to low-water mark. In fact, *the site of the Hotel is not surpassed in any Port in the East.*
The Hotel Building have a sea frontage of 246 feet, and cover an area of 633 tsubo, equivalent to about 2,600 square yards, and in addition thereto, there are two lots in the rear, of 200 tsubo and 132 tsubo respectively, with the buildings thereon, held under leases, expiring in one case in the year 1909, and in the other in 1911.
The Hotel was placed under new management on the 1st of August, 1892, with a very beneficial result, and the Purchasers of this Property would enter into possession of a valuable and improving business and an old established "going concern," and the existing accommodation is capable speedily, at a moderate outlay, of most extensive additions to provide for all Visitors to or from the "World's Fair" and others who intend making the tour of Japan.
The fullest inspection is invited.
The Liquidators of the Hiogo Hotel, Limited, call for Tenders for the purchase of the land and buildings comprising the above property.
All Tenders to be delivered at the Office of Mr. H. J. PEARCE, Solicitor, Kobe, Japan, on or before the 15th of FEBRUARY, 1893; the highest Tender not necessarily accepted.
Furniture and Stock-in-Trade to be taken by valuation.
For further particulars, giving number of rooms, and all necessary information, apply to the Manager at the Hotel, or to
H. J. ROTHWELL, No. 11, Kobe.
H. J. PEARCE, No. 16, Kobe.
Liquidators.
14th November, 1892. |2451

PORTLAND CEMENT.
J. B. WHITE & BROS.
SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA,
HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1893. |1943

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer
"PROMETHEUS"
are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 11th inst.
Goods undelivered after the 18th instant will be subject to Rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 19th inst.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1892. |2520

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship
"OOPACK"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before NOON on the 15th instant, or they will not be recognised.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th instant, at 4 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1892. |2575

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "PEMBROKESHIRE."
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, AND STRAITS.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.
All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th instant, or they will not be recognised.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. |2557

BANKS.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.
THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4½ PER CENT. per annum.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 12th August, 1891. |11

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL .....£1,000,000.
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